# **Tipping the Scales in Their Favor:**

Your Role in Recognizing and Responding to Abuse and Neglect of Children with Disabilities



The first of a three-session multidisciplinary course that will answer questions for family members of children with disabilities and the professionals who support them.

#### **SESSION 1**

Understanding the Issues Surrounding Children with Disabilities

Tuesday, April 14, 2015 • 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm



**Featuring Vicki Beatty** who is the parent of two sons, is the President of Virginia Parent Advocates, and has a long career working for and with families of children with disabilities in Virginia.

#### In this first session you will learn:

- Myths and facts about children with disabilities
- Guiding principles to support children with disabilities
- Why children with disabilities are at a greater risk of abuse and neglect
- Why it's more difficult to identify abuse and neglect in children with disabilities
- Appropriate language to use when speaking to and about children with disabilities

And much more!

### Who should attend?

#### Anyone working in:

CASA programs, Child Protective Services, Children's Advocacy Centers, Community Services Boards, Education, Foster care, Guardians ad litem, Law enforcement, Multidisciplinary Teams, Therapists (PT and OT)

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# Session 2

Abuse and Neglect of Children with Disabilities

Tuesday, April 21, 2015 • 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm



**Featuring Mary Wilson,** Children's Justice Act Coordinator Department of Criminal Justice Services

Also featuring lan Danielson, CAS Program Coordinator, Greater Richmond SCAN



#### In this second session you will learn:

- Why kids with disabilities are at high risk for abuse
- Consequences of maltreatment
- How we can nurture and protect children
- Information about how abuse of children with disabilities may appear different
- Information about the prevalence of maltreatment, sexual abuse and trafficking

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# SESSION 3

Recognizing and Responding to Abuse and Neglect of Children with Disabilities

Tuesday, April 28, 2015 • 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm



Featuring Faith Flippo, Detective Sergeant, Richmond Police Department

**Also featuring Mandi Green,** Family Services Specialist, Henrico Department of Social Services

### In session three you will learn:

- How to recognize abuse and identify the red flags
- How to report suspected abuse mandated reporters
- What happens after Child Protective Services is contacted
- Valuable resources to support children with disabilities

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